

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

1. Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 2, page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/743,183 filed May 14, 2001, now U.S. Patent 6,705,587; which is a national stage application of International Application No. PCT/DE00/01408 filed ~~May 5, 2000~~ May 4, 2000; which designated the United States, and claimed priority to German application number 19921242 filed May 7, 1999, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

2. Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 8, page 8 with the following amended paragraph:

Compensation collar 9, which consists of a soft, deformable material such as soft iron or soft copper, is inserted into the fuel injector that is completely assembled up to piezoactor 2. Instead of piezoactor 2, a prestressing device 10 the face 11 of which corresponds to baseplate 4 and is completely flat is then screwed into the fuel injector. The prestressing device 10 is screwed in until the flat face 11 of the prestressing device 10 begins to lift valve element 7 of the servo valve up from its valve seat due to the actuation of transfer element 5. Compensation collar 9, which is made of a soft material, on which the flat face 11 of the prestressing device 10 also acts, is permanently deformed by flowing of the material. When the prestressing device 10 is removed, compensation collar 9 then retains the thickness which it had when the prestressing device 10 was screwed in far enough for the servo valve to begin to open.